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SETTING UP OF ATOMIC ENERGY CENTRES
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

:

(a) the number of Atomic Energy Centres proposed to be set up by the year 2010; and

(b) the measures taken by the Government for the modernisation and expansion of the existing Centres?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) The Government is setting up one new Atomic Energy Research Centre near Vishakhapatnam on the Eastern Coast. In principle approval of the Government has also been obtained for establishing a Nuclear Power Plant at Jaitapur (Maharashtra) and for expansion of existing projects at Kakrapar (KAPP 3&4), Kudankulam (KK3&4) and Rawatbhata (RAPP 7&8) in addition to the expansion projects under construction at Kaiga (Kaiga 3&4), Rawatbhata (RAPP 5&6) & Kalpakkam (Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor).

(b) The modernization and expansion of the existing research centres has been an ongoing process and is being carried out through various plan projects by adopting state-of-the-art technologies developed in house/available internationally. Modernisation and expansion of the existing Nuclear Power Stations is also being carried out to utilise their full potential. Enmasse replacement of coolant channels, replacement of feeders, modification to moderator system are examples of modernisation and expansion carried out in recent past.